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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, National Estimates

SUBJECT : Coordination of the Economic Contribution to
NIE 11-9-54, "Soviet Air Defense Capabilities"

1. In reference to your inquiries concerning the coordination of the economic contribution to NIE 11-9-54, "Soviet Air Defense Capabilities", the following factors are the most important. As in NIE 11-6-54, "Soviet Capabilities and Probable Programs in the Field of Guided Missiles", the capability for carrying out the systems costing and analysis exists only in ORR, and ORR should assume the responsibility for producing a draft contribution as a basis for coordination. Much of the basic data, however, must come from the Services, both intelligence and other components.

2. No existing subcommittee of the EIC has the responsibility for Air Defense analysis or for program analyses that cut across all Service responsibilities. Therefore, a new EIC Ad Hoc group should be established to facilitate requests for information to support the economic contribution and to coordinate the ORR draft as fully as possible prior to the due date.

3. An appropriate wording of the economic request in the terms of reference would be "ORR will prepare an estimate of Soviet Bloc economic capabilities to support Air Defense systems estimated in step two, drawing upon an appropriate EIC group, and will coordinate its contribution with this EIC group".

4. The EIC Secretariat is ready to work with you and ORR to establish the proposed Ad Hoc group whenever you desire.

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